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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated September 7, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending and at issue in the present application.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution in the present application the claims of Group I comprising claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12 (Figs. 1 to 6b). The examiner is requested to hold the non-elected claims in abeyance pending allowance of a suitable generic claim and/or the filing of one or more divisional applications.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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